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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Kenji NISHI

Appln. No.: 08/994,758

Group Art Unit: 2851

Filed: December 19, 1997

Examiner: A. Mathews

For: PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2000, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims ~~40, 44, 46, 47, 56-67, 71, 75, 77,~~
~~78, 85-95, 100, 104, 106, 107, 116-127, 150-155, 164-167,~~
and ~~172-178~~ without prejudice.

REMARKS

Without acceding to the basis of the multiplicity rejection, Applicant has reduced the number of claims to 123 and has reduced the number of independent claims to 25.

A Supplemental Amendment will be filed shortly adding two dependent claims (bringing the total to 125) and